IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-86 were previously cancelled. Claims 87 and 103 are currently amended. Claims 88-101, 106, 108-121, 123, 125, 127 and 129-133 are currently cancelled. Claims 102, 104, 105, 107, 122, 124, 126 and 128 are carried forward, all as follows.

Claims 1-86 (Cancelled)

87.   (Currently Amended) A method for affecting a fan-out effect on a printed image on a web including:

providing a web having a web width ~~and having a printed image~~;

printing an image on said web;

providing image points of two printed image portions of a color separation of a defined color of said printed image;

providing a sensor;

using said sensor for detecting said image points of said <u>two</u> printed image <u>portions of said color separation</u> over at least one-quarter of said web width;

providing image data of said <u>image points of said two printed image portions of said color separation of said</u> defined color <u>of said printed image</u> from a print pre-stage;

using said print pre-stage image data as a reference position;

comparing said image points, in respect to their axial positions on said web, with said reference position;

determining a deviation of said image points from said reference position

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resulting from an increase in said web width caused by said fan-out effect of said web during said printing of said image on said web;

        providing an actuating member for affecting said fan-out effect; and

        sending an actuating command to said actuating member when said deviation of said image points, resulting from said web fan-out effect, exceeds a preset, nominal print normal value[[.]]; and

        using said actuating member for affecting said fan-out effect of said web.

Claims 88-101 (Cancelled)

102.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87 further including evaluating lateral spacings of several indicated ones of said image points of said printed image and comparing said several individual images with said reference position.

103.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 102 further including sensing a lateral registration error and subtracting said lateral registration error from said separation image points point.

104.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 103 further including providing a scanning width including a center of said web and determining said lateral registration error of said image area from its nominal position in said web center.

105.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 103 further including determining

several lateral registration errors of said image area outside of a center area of said web by extrapolating several lateral deviations of said image area from image area nominal positions at said web center.

106.   (Cancelled)

107.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87 further including using image data from said printing pre-stage as a nominal position.

Claims 108-121 (Cancelled)

122.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87 further including using said sensor for detecting said image points of said printed image over at least one half of said web width.

123.   (Cancelled)

124.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 122 further including using said sensor for detecting said image points of said printed image over a whole width of said web.

125.   (Cancelled)

126.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87 further including providing said sensor as a line camera.

127.   (Cancelled)

128.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 87 further including providing said sensor as a planar sensor.

Claims 129-133 (Cancelled)